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SUBJECT: PARM - ANNUAL POLICY AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

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1. APART FROM PARM I, II AND III, I WANT TO MAKE AN OBSERVATION ABOUT THE S/P FY 1979 BROAD TRENDS FORECAST AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL.

2. FORECAST LISTS, APPARENTLY IN ROUGH ORDER OF IMPORTANCE, FOLLOWING POLICY CONCERNS: SOVIET AND CHINESE POLICIES, ECONOMIC CRISIS IN INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, RESTRAINT ON ARMS TO LDC'S, MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY (ESPECIALLY IN THE UN), TERRORISM, FOOD, NPT, SOVIET EFFORTS EXPLOIT ITS GROWING MILITARY CAPABILITY (ESPECIALLY FOR DISTANT OPERATIONS), NORTH - SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND IMPACT OF FOREIGN POLICY ON US DOMESTIC EVENTS.

3. MIDDLE EAST WILL INVOLVE ALL THESE ISSUES AND PROBABLY PROVE TO BE CURCIAL TEST OF MANY. PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST IS NOT JQST A MATTER OF "RELIEVING MORE VISIBLE AND URGENT
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DEMANDS OF CRISIS DIPLOMACY." IT RUNS ACROSS SPECTRUM OF ALL US CONCERNS, AND COULD IN FUTURE (AS IN PAST) BRING US CLOSE TO WAR, A POLICY CONCERN WHICH NOT MENTIONED IN THIRD ITERATION OF TRENDS FORECAST. POINT HERE IS NOT MEANT TO ENCOURAGE CHANGE IN FOURTH ITERATION. ISSUE WE FACE IN MIDDLE EAST IS NOT PAPER EXERCISE BUT CHOICE BETWEEN MODEST EFFORT TO KEEP DIFFICULT WGAB ISRAELI CONFLICT WITHIN

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TOLERABLE LIMITS AND MUCH HARDER EFFORT TO SEEK SETTLEMENT.
DON'T KNOW IF WE PREPARED TO MAKE THE EFFORT, BUT LATTER
COURSE IS THE ONE IN OUR INTERESTS, AND IF WE DON'T PRESS
OUR OWN SUIT, WE ARE LIKELY TO LOSE INITIATIVE TO OTHERS
WHOSE IDEAS OF SETTLEMENT WILL BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM OURS.
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